

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 404 Children of Incarcerated Parents by Senator Joyner

Provides guiding principles to be used by state agency personnel when dealing with children of incarcerated parents, including, but not limited to, the following:

- state support should be provided as resources permit and as authorized by law
- children should be kept safe and informed at the time of the parent's arrest
- children's wishes should be taken into consideration regarding any decisions made concerning their welfare
- children's wishes should be taken into consideration when decisions are made about their incarcerated parent
- children should receive support for the desire to retain a relationship with an incarcerated parent, if appropriate.

Provides that a state agency is not obligated to provide children of incarcerated parents with support or services, or to give children of incarcerated parents priority in the delivery of support or services not authorized by law.
(See bill for details)